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**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5658, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. SCHIFF OF CALIFORNIA**

Page 438, after line 6, insert the following (and make such technical and conforming changes as may be appropriate):

1 **SEC. 1048. STUDY ON METHODS TO VERIFIABLY REDUCE**
2 **THE LIKELIHOOD OF ACCIDENTAL NUCLEAR**
3 **LAUNCH BY REMOVING WORLDWIDE NU-**
4 **CLEAR WEAPONS FROM HAIR-TRIGGER**
5 **ALERT.**

6 (a) **STUDY REQUIRED.**—The Secretary of Defense
7 shall carry out a study to determine procedural and phys-
8 ical options for introducing into the nuclear weapons
9 launch procedures of the United States, Russia, China,
10 and any other strategically appropriate nations deter-
11 mined by the Secretary, an assured time-delay before a
12 launch command can be executed that would be trans-
13 parent and verifiable by the other nations. The options
14 studied shall encompass a wide range of time-delays and
15 shall include, for each option, an analysis of—

16 (1) the increased time, over current procedures,
17 before a launch command can be executed;

1 (2) the strategic risk to United States national
2 security, including the survivability of the United
3 States arsenal under a range of verification failures
4 abroad;

5 (3) the range of possible inspection regimes, in-
6 cluding the degree of verifiability that they would af-
7 ford; and

8 (4) the availability of parallel options in the
9 other nations included in such study.

10 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 6 months after the date
11 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to
12 the congressional defense committees a report on the re-
13 sults of the study. If a report under this subsection is sub-
14 mitted in classified form, the Secretary shall concurrently
15 submit to the congressional defense committees an unclas-
16 sified version of such report.

